



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### **(U) Sacramento – At Least Five Shooters Fired Guns, Police Blame Gang Violence in Mass Shooting**

(U) Detectives say their investigation into the downtown Sacramento mass shooting has revealed that at least five shooters fired guns during the incident. The exchange of gunfire took place between at least two groups of men, Sacramento police said in a release with updated information on the investigation. Investigators are still trying to identify the shooters and weapons involved. Police note that the number of identified shooters could grow. Police also note that, while they cannot elaborate on any gang affiliations of the suspects involved, investigators say “gangs and gang violence are inseparable from the events that drove these shootings.”

SOURCE: 6 April 2022, [CBS Sacramento](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### **(U) Texas – Governor Announces Blockades, Increased Military Operations at US – Mexico Border**

(U) Welasco – Texas Governor Greg Abbott has announced new directives as part of the state's border security efforts. Abbott has directed the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to institute a zero-tolerance policy for "unsafe" vehicles which may also possibly smuggling migrants and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to charter buses to send migrants to the Capitol in Washington, DC. The Texas National Guard has also been directed to deploy blockades to address any mass migration. Boat, razor wire, and container blockades will be deployed at low water crossings on the Rio Grande River. Abbott says that more directives are expected to be announced next week.

SOURCE: 6 April 2022, [Fox5 New York](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### **(U) District of Columbia – DEA Warns of Increase in Mass-Overdose Events Involving Fentanyl**

(U) Washington – The Drug Enforcement Administration sent a letter to federal, state, and local law enforcement partners warning of a nationwide spike in fentanyl-related mass-overdose events. Fentanyl-related mass-overdose events, characterized as three or more overdoses occurring close in time and at the same location, have happened in at least seven American cities in recent months, resulting in 58 overdoses and 29 deaths. Cities impacted include Wilton Manors, Florida; Austin, Texas; Cortez, Colorado; Commerce City, Colorado; Omaha, Nebraska; St. Louis, Missouri; and Washington, DC.

SOURCE: 6 April 2022, [DEA](#)

#### **(U) District of Columbia – US Charges Russian Oligarch, Dismantles Cybercrime Operation**

(U) Washington – A Russian oligarch has been charged with violating US government sanctions and has disrupted a cybercrime operation launched by a Russian military intelligence agency, officials said. The action came as the Justice Department said it was accelerating efforts to track down illicit Russian assets and as US prosecutors helped European counterparts gather evidence on potential war crimes committed by Russia during its war on Ukraine. Justice Department officials announced the moves as

the US separately revealed sanctions against the two adult daughters of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

SOURCE: 6 April 2022, [KCRA3](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Germany – Four Arrested in Investigation of Far-Right Groups**

(U) Berlin – German authorities arrested Leon R., Maximilian A., Eric K. and Bastian A., alleged members of a far-right group in an investigation targeting several extremist organizations. They said the four were leading members of a far-right combat sports group, “Knockout 51,” which held training sessions at the local headquarters of a small far-right party aimed to indoctrinate young men and train them in street fighting. The group, which has links to far-right players in other parts of Germany, tried to set up a “Nazi neighborhood” in Eisenach and its members injured several people, prosecutors said. They also allegedly traveled to protests COVID-19 restrictions at which there were clashes with police and counter-protesters.

SOURCE: 6 April 2022, [ABC News](#)

**(U) Pakistan – Al-Qa’ida Leader Circulates Video, Dispels Rumor of His Death**

(U) Islamabad – A rare video has appeared of al-Qa’ida’s chief praising an Indian Muslim woman who in February defied a ban on wearing the traditional headscarf, or hijab. The footage is the first proof in months that the man who was once Osama bin Laden’s No. 2 is still alive. Rumors of the death of Ayman al-Zawahri have persistently circulated, but in a video released earlier this week and translated by the SITE Intelligence Group, the reclusive al-Qa’ida chief praises Muskan Khan who defied a ban on the wearing of the hijab in schools in India’s southwestern state of Karnataka.

SOURCE: 6 April 2022, [The Washington Post](#)

**(U) Romania – Car Rams Russian Embassy Gate, Driver Killed**

(U) Bucharest – A car carrying containers of flammable materials crashed into the gate of the Russian Embassy in the Romanian capital, bursting into flames and killing the driver, police said. The case prosecutor who arrived at the scene told reporters that several containers with flammable substances were discovered inside the car, which will be examined by forensics experts. In a statement after the incident, the Russian embassy said that no employees were injured and expressed condolences to the family of the driver, but also added: “There is no doubt that he committed this act under the influence of an explosion of anti-Russian hysteria in connection with a staged provocation in the city of Bucha.”

SOURCE: 6 April 2022, [AP News](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – Guard at Berlin Embassy Charged with Spying for Russia**

(U) London – A security guard at the British Embassy in Berlin has been extradited from Germany and charged with spying for Russia, UK police said. The Metropolitan Police force said David Ballantyne Smith, 57, faces nine charges under the Official Secrets Act related to “the collection and communication of information useful to the Russian state.” Nick Price, head of special crime and counterterrorism at Britain’s Crown Prosecution Service, said Smith is accused of “seven offenses of collecting information with the intent of sending it to the Russian authorities, one of attempting communication and one of providing information to a person he believed was a member of the Russian authorities.”

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